India Tourist Offices overseas. Department of Tourism provides Mandatory Order passage to organisers to canvass abroad to win conventions for the country.

(c) India has already medium sized Convention Centres in major hotels and independent units all over the country. In Delhi, apart from major hotels, Vigyan Bhawan, India International Centres and Habitat Centre offer convention facilities. To enable the organisers to bid for large International Conferences apart from Delhi, convention facilities have come up in Jaipur (Rajasthan) and similar convention facilities are expected to come up in Agra (Uttar Pradesh), Bangalore (Karnataka) and Bombay (Maharashtra). With the setting up of new convention centre in the near future there is potential for dapid growth in this sector of the Tourism Industry.

International airport in private sector

159. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the first international airport in private sector is being constructed in the country;

(b) if so, the State in which the airport is being constructed;

(c) the estimated expenditure involved therein; and

(d) the time by which the construction work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d). The Government of India has given its no objection for construction of airports of international standards in Bangalore in Karnatka and Cochin in Kerala to the respective State Governments. The respective State Governments are to firm up the cost of the project and other modalities. National Airports Authority and Inernational Airports Authority will provide technical assistance However, they will not share any cost of the projects. It is not possible ot give, at this stage, the likely time of completion of the project.

Air India's capital restructuring programme

160. SHRI SOM PAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India is to undertake a major capital restructuring programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details and rationale thereof and by when it is likely to be finalised and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) With the enactment of Air Corporations (Transfer of Undertaking and Repeal) Act, 1994, the undertaking of Air India has been transferred to and vested in Air India Limited, a company registered under the Companies Act, 1956, with effect from 1-3-94. The equity and loan capital held by the Government in Air India has been taken as equity capital of Air India Limited with effect from 1-3-1994. With its restructuring, the company can mobilise resources from the capital market to meet its growth requirements. No time frame can be indicated for such mobilisation, at this stage.

Report of Committee appointed by Air India Management

161. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of the report submitted by the Committee appointed by the Air India Management to look into the scarcity of spares and other rotable aircraft maintenance items: